IN THE WORLD OF FASHION.

FLORIST'S ARTFUL WAYS AS CHRISTMAS TIME.

for Me Allures Mis Customers A Dance for Young People Michaux Club Bicg cliets Mave a Run Up Riverside Drive-Count Hadik and Count Von Bismarck

A sure herald of approaching Christmas is the florists' show windows. Two weeks prior to Christmas Day evergreens, holly, and laurel appear, intermingled among the roses, orchids, and violets. A week later wreaths of evergreens and immortelles, with the unwithering involuces

dyed crimson, decorate the walls and hang is

front of mirrors. Artistic bunches of holly and mistletoe are tied with ribbons of a dozen colora

and miniature evergreen trees, studded with tiny bows of narrow red ribbons, stand about

The floriet has a shrewd way of leading his cus tomers on by easy stages to the idea of laying ir

a stock of Christmas greens.
"First, the customer reaches the spirit of in-

decision," said a practical florist, " when he sees the suggestions of Christmas in the flower store

Then we show him a variety of forms in decora

tions, and when he begins to make up his mind we throw before him all the wealth of our stock. The more bewildering we can make the Christ-mas flowers and greens the better. By a sys-

tematic progression in presenting our goods, which is one of the greatest arts in the trade, we

try to make the society woman drop her calling list for a time and think only of Christmas

greens."

The florists have made some interesting features of the trade this year. The majority of the buyers are ladies who seem to be thinking much less of home decorations than heretofors. Yesterday a well-known matron in fashionable

ociety took a list of names into a florist's shop

and simply said: "Please deliver immediately." The list was made up of persons living in Hester, Essex, Ludlow, Stanton, Allen, Baxter, Division, and Norfolk streets. Each person re-ceived a holly wreath. The florists also notice that while transient trade is brisker than it was last year, business in church decorations has

"It is a bad sign when the West Presbyterian Church and the Church of the Heavenly Rest are not elaborately decorated, but such is the case this year. The bulk of church decorations

will be through individual contributions." The

florist is authority for the statement that New Yorkers will give up this year at least \$200,000

for Christmas decorations. Florists notice also that buyers are asking frequently for English

holly and mistletoe, because, "the color is se much better than in the American grown." The

holly and mistletoe that comes from the Southern States is of a dull hue, but the difference in

price prompts the average buyer to be satisfied with the domestic product. The florist notes

also that a great many well-dressed men request that sprigs of holly be pinned to their coal lapels, and the sesthetic tradesman observes as well that while one purchase of Christmas greens is made by a man, ten are made by women.

The strictly social events of yesterday were confined to a few afternoon receptions and an early dance for very young people at night. The absence of counter attractions gave an additional brilliancy to the boxes at the opera. Miss Helen Kingsland, daughter of Mrs. George Lovett Kingsland, of 430 Fifth avenue, made her social debut, assisted by a dozen of this season's debutantes. Miss Kingsland is a very handsome young lady. Mrs. William Astor is her great-aunt. The large estate accumulated by Daniel and Ambrose Kingsland will be hers some day, and then she will be one of the richest women in New York. The reception gave society the first chance to meet Mrs. Kingsland and her daughter in their home since their return from Europe.

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Mrs. Robert Mackay of 50 West Fifty-seventh street gave a large reception, and afterward Pinard served Mrs. Mackay and a large com-pany of guests with an elaborate dinner.

Announcement was made yesterday of the engagement of Miss Emily Thorn King to Edward C. Post. Miss King is the granddaughter of Mrs. William K. Thorn of 13 West Streenth street, who was Miss Emily Vanderbilt, daughter of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, Miss King has been in society for three years. Her mother some time after the death of Mr. King married Daniel Perish. Her sister married Alexander Baring, son of a member of the great banking house. Mr. Post is considerably the senlor of his flancée. He is a member of the Union, Knickerbooker, Metropolitan, Seawanhaka-Corinthian, and New York Yacht clubs.

The dancing class under the charge of Mrs. Joseph H. Low, Mrs. Anson W. Hard, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, Mrs. Arthur Peabody, Mrs. Newbold Edgar, Mrs. C. O'D. Iselin, Mrs. Alexander T. Van Nest, Mrs. Alfred Edwards, and Mrs. Walden Pell, met for the second time this season at Sherry's last evening. The class is intended for young girls and youths from 14 to 16 years old, Dancing never continues after 11 o'clock. The class will meet again on Dec. 29.

greatly fallen off.

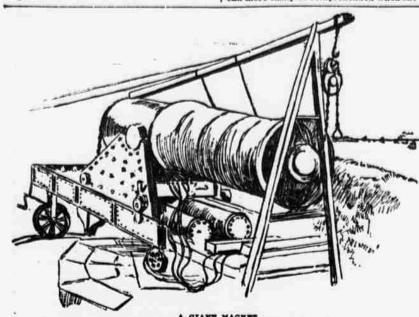
#### THE BIGGEST OF MAGNETS.

MADE OF A RODMAN OUR AND IT CAN LIFT OVER 40,000 POUNDS.

It is Wound with Many Miles of Torpedo Cable, Through Which Electricity from a Byname Circulates - Interesting Ex-periments by Col.; Hing at Willets's Point,

Lieut.-Col. R. W. King, who is the com-mandant of the Government station at Wil-lett's Point, has recently been doing some queer things with an old Rodman canon, a discarded cable, and two dynamos. With these materials he has constructed the largest electro-magnet in the world. Col. King has arrived at some definite results in his experiments with this in-teresting machine, and some of these days he is going to report on them himself. The last test of this magnet, which was made on Friday, showed that it would resist a strain of 44,800

Col. King has been interested in electrical research and especially in electro-magnets for many years. When he went to Willett's Point as a Captain back in the seventies the idea of his recent experiments was suggested by seeing two big Rodman guns dismounted and lying side by side. He saw in the arms for a wonder-ful magnet. But it was not possible for him to carry out any such experiments then. During the past year he has found the opportunity that he desired and the announcement of partial results from time to time have started strange rumors about the potentiality of this electro-



The last number of the English publication,

"The most astonishing contrivance for war-fare recently developed has originated in the United States. It is Col. W. R. King's gigantic electro-magnet. This engineer officer of the army has constructed on the top of a fort near New York a great horseshoe, composed of two big cannon and a metal bar, with several miles of heavy insulated telegraph wire wound around the muzzles of the guns for spools. Thus has been produced the most powerful magnet in the world, a current of electricity being supplied from a dynamo. As alleged, it is capable of de-

around the muziles of the guns for appoils. Thus has been produced the most powerful magnet in the world, a current of electricity being supplied from a dynamo. As alieged, it is caspable of deranging a ship's compass at a distance of six miles, which would be useful in case hostile vessels tried to approach at night or in a fog. They would be apt to find themselves ashore unexpectedly. It has been suggested that arow of such magnets along the walls of a fort might be used to draw the small arms out of the hands of an encoming snemy. This idea is the same as that of the 'Arabian Night's 'story, in which he from asils were pulled out of ships that ventured too near the mountain of loadstone; but was do not oredit Col. King's contrivance with the same efficaciousness."

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Congressman Randall Hopes to Get an Ap- A Small Piece of His Fractured Hip Re-BUZZARD's BAY, Dec. 22.-During the occupancy of Gray Gables by President Cleveland a terested looking to Government survey of terested looking to covernment survey or Buzzard's Bay waters. Congressman Charles S. Randall of this district has interested him-self in the matter, and has made inquiries as to the prospects of obtaining a survey. To-day Congressman Randall makes public the follow-ing letter, received from the Superintendent of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey:

Hon. C. S. Randall, House of Representatives, Wanning-ton, b. C.

DEAR Sin: In reply to your letter of Dec. 17, I will asy that this office has for some time recognized the necessity of a survey of Buzzards Hay, but owing to the curtailment of the appropriations the work could not be undertaken. In the pians now in the hands of the Appropriations Committee, Buzzarda Hay is ap-cifically mentioned, and it is hoped that the favorable action of Congress will enable us to begin the survey next apring. The appropriations would not be availa-ble until July 1, but in the estimate I have asked that they be made available on the passage of the Sundry Civil act. Respectibility yours.

V. W. Derynin, Superintendent.

W. W. DEFFIELD, Superintendent.

It is believed here that President Cleveland has personally been instrumentul in securing this attention to the request for the improvement. The present survey was made about thirty years ago, and is inaccurate, owing to shifting bottoms.

### Nothing Underhanded or Secret About It,

Few members of the Board of Aldermen would talk yesterday on the subject of the effort to grant the franchise for a cable road through Kingsbridge road to the Third Avenue Railway Kingsbridge road to the Third Avenue Raliway Company, and the suggestion that money might be used to influence the action of the Board. Most of them, like Alderman Baumert, treated the matter as a loke, and said that they would like to see some of the \$3,000 which was spoken of as the price to be paid for votes.

"It seems to me that this action is all fair and above board," said Alderman finh, who was one of these who opposed the Third avenue grant. "There was nothing done behind closed doors. Alterman Sail gave notice in open session last Tursday of what he was going to do in moving to discharge the committee and striking out the mention in the franchise of St. Nicholas avenue. He mack his final motion and was defeated. There was no aneaking. All was fair and open."

CRICAGO, Dec. 22.-Before the Grand Jury adjourned to-day eleven more indictments were adjourned to-day eleven more indictments were returned against persons who are charged with interfering with citizens election day at the polls. Thirty indictments have now been returned and the jury is still at work on election outrages, damen J. Pirhy. Hemograf Jurys, John Hersey, Demografic whicher, and indicated body. Henry V. Massman, President of the Republican Clob to the Twenty-inth ward, told the jury that the ballots sent to one precinct of his ward were greased and soft lead peccies were placed in the booths so that the greases smally rubbed off.

straightened out the direction of the winding would be the same throughout. The soft iron core rotains its maximum magnetization only so long as the current is passing. If the core is made of steel it becomes under the action of the electric current, a permanent magnet.

Col. King began his experiments by using two old Rodman 15-inch guns. They weighed 50,000 pounds each, These guns were of cast iron, and their barrels made excellent arms for a great magnet when they were circled by an electrical current. It was awkward making experiments with the two, however, and one of the Rodmans was wheeled aside. The other Rodman was turned into a "chul-footed" magnet. Many tons of heavy iron platform plates were placed on the iron gun carriage right under the barrel of the gun. Around this barrel has been wound fourteen miles of old torpedo cable that, of course, is insulated. Forty amperes may be transmitted through this cable though Col. King has thus far used only twenty or twenty-five in making his experiments. The electricity is furnished by two heavy dynamos that are about 200 feet away. The armature for this powerful magnet consists of six platform plates bolted together. The greatest strain ever applied to this armature previous to the test on Friday was 23,500 pounds, and then the chain broke without having drawn it from the magnet or even stirred it. The armature was raised to the muzzle of the gun by a derrick on Friday and then the electric current was turned on. The gun at once became an electro-magnet, and it drew the armature against the muzzle and held it there. Around this armature was fastened a heavy fron chain, which was then reeved through iarge double blocks and attached to a capatan. Stalwart engineers manned the capatan bars and applied a strain, by Col. King's calculations, of 44,800 pounds, when, as in the other experiment, the chain broke. The armature had not been stirred. As soon as the electric current was turned off it dropped.

Five 323-pound cannon balls were auspended like a chain from t

between the Wagner music, which she has of late frequently attempted, and the coloraturof such roles as Filina. The cast will be strengthened by the appearance of M. Maurel as Amonuoro, M.M. Taunagno, Piançon, Mariani, and Mmes, Mantelli and Bauermeister will appear in the roles they sung at the previous performances of the opera this season. On Tuesday evening there will be a popular-price performance. "Il Trovatore" will be given, with Mmes, Drog and Mantelli and M.M. Campanari, Mariani and Signor Taunagno, who will probably be able to sing his high Cs without trouble on the succeeding evenings. Mme. Eames has returned to her own country

as an admired interpeter of Gounod's beroines, and will sing Marguerite in the Friday evening performance of "Faust." New Yorkers have not forgotten that Mms. Eames's popularity commenced here with her performance of Juliette and Marguerite, and her performance of both rôles has vastly improved since she sang them here first three winters ago. The general performance of "Roméo et Jugeneral performance of "Roméo et Juliette" last Wednesday evening was improved by the substitution of Signor Campanari for Victor Gromzevski, and the new singer was a very spirited Mercutio, He is an interesting and valuable member of the company. Mme, Eames will be associated in the performance of "Faust" with MM. Jean de Reszke, Edouard de Reszke, and Ancons and Mmes, Bauermeister and Scalchi, "Rigoletto" with Mmes, Melba and Sealchi, MM. Maurel, Russitano, and the cast that gave so admirable a performance of the opera two weeks ago, will be sung at the Saturday matinée. siders how small is the point of contact when two spheres touch. These five projectiles represented a downward pull of 1,623 pounds. When the first one was hoisted within control of the magnet it sprang to the gun with a thump. As each cannon ball was moved toward the one above it, it sprang up and clung so fast that it could not be pulled away. Theoretically the area of surface in contact can be merely a point. For convenience in lifting these heavy weights within the influence of the magnet an iron pulley with a quarter-inch chain was used at first. It was found, however, that when the gun was magnetic the chain and pulley were of no use. The chain became as rigid as if it had been a bar of solid steel and was riveted to the gun.

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.

Notable Performance of " Les Hagnenots" Prime Bonne Who Can't Get a Chance,

The sixth week of the opera season will com prisesix performances, and it is no exaggeration

to say that no other opera house in the world could present a repertoirs interpreted by so many famous singers. The cast of "Les Hugue-

note," which will be sung on Wednesday even-ing for the first time this season, brings together in brilliant conjunction probably more famous artists than the opera has ever before enjoyed.

Mme. Melba will be the Marquerite de Valote, and the florid music of the rôle should be inter-esting, interpreted by a singer so per-fectly adapted to this style of singing. Be-

sides the De Nevers of Maurel, her performance will be the only novelty of the production. M.

Maurel so often finds inspiration outside of his role that he may create in De Nevers opportuni-

ties worthy of his powers. Edouard de Reanke will sing Marcel, and Plançon again St. Bris.

If these singers exchanged roles the effect of the

performance might be improved. Mme. Scalchi will sing the page, a rôle which will never be as

conspicuous in her hands as it formerly was until the management restores the staircase

until the management restores the staircase which used to be a portion of the scenery in the act. Even in the association of artists so brilliant as those to be in the cast on Wednesday night, Mme. Scalchi's famous ascent of that staircase would remain a conspicuous feature of the performance. Jean de Reszke's Robout is known for its characteristic merits. The bullet in the second act will be elaborately performed, the management not being discouraged yet in the effort to interest the audience in the dancing. Signor Bevignani will conduct.

Mme. Nordica returns to-morrow night to the field in which her worthy achievements as a singer were begun. She will replace Mme. Drog as Aida. This and Valentineare the partain which her excellencies are best displayed, lying

between the Wagner music, which she has of

The Saturday night opera this week will be William Tell," which will probably serve to introduce Miss Lucile Hill, who has had her troubles since she came to this country. So far she has been only a Philadelphia Micaela, and her throat has been out of condition since her arrival here. In addition, the newspapers print her first name with three i's in it, and the em-

her first name with three I's in it, and the embarrassment of sopranos leaves her little opportunity for a debut. Miss de Lussan has been chafing under the restriction to Carmen, and Mira Heller is well nigh hopeless of getting autother opportunity outside of that which the Sunday concerts afford.

Miss Sibyl Sanderson salls for this country on Dec. 28 from Havre, and Maurice Grau will find himself with another soprano to be provided for, and the public apparently interested to a profitable degree in only Mmes. Melba and Eames. Mile, Heller, whose longings for an opportunity as Charlotte in "Werther" diminished to satisfaction with a faint chance of appearing as another Massenet heroine in "Manon." Is dismayed at the fact that the opera is not to be given until Miss Sanderson arrives.

but appeared as Guinerers in "Elaine" rather than compel a postponement of the performance, there being no understudy for her part. Mme. Mantelli, who in private life is the wife of M. de Montovani, is very much delighted with her American success. Her husband was formerly a merchant in Rio Janeiro, and she met him there when she was singing she met him there when she was singing in opera. She had been on the stage for three years at that time, and after her marriage retired and lived in Brazil. The political disturbances there resulted in her husband's losing his fortune, and last season Mme. Mantelli returned to the stage and sang in Russia and Italy. Prima donnas' husbands are generally a considerable part of the problem which an impresario is called upon to settle, and one who has retired from commercial life is enough of a novelty to prove interesting. M. de Montovani refuses to interfere in his wife's business affairs, and keeps entirely aloof from them. In view of the activity of the husband of one of the prima donnas last winter, such consideration is more or less of a shock to the management of the Opera House. The enterprising gentleman of last season guarded his wife's interests with such zeal that it may be due of the reasons why she did not return with the company this winter.

The rehearsals at the opera are very apt to be enlivened by rather vigorous discussions over

enlivened by rather vigorous discussions over the footlights between Sig. Mancinelli and several of the young women in the American wing of the chorus. One of these a tall, dark-haired contraito, does more acting to the square inch than all the rest of the company, principals and chorus, put together. company, principals and cherus, put together. Sig. Mancinelli protests very vigorously in Italian against what he calls the young woman's superabundance of energy, and she subsides after his protests have been translated to her. It is not long, however, before she recovers her spirits and is struggling hard for the middle of the stage. This girl, with several of her American associates, may seem excessive in action to Sig. Mancinelli, but they lend an animation and movement to the scenes which was often lacking before. Her face has become almost as well known to regular operagoers as those of the principal singers, and, as she usually dresses in red, it is not difficult to distinguish her.

OPERATION ON GEORGE LORD DAY.

moved on Friday Night.

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., Dec. 22.-A report circu-

lated in New York that George Lord Day, who was injured while hunting with the Meadow

Brook hounds on Nov. 22, was dying, proves to

be erroneous. Mr. Day's condition yesterday

be erroneous. Mr. Day's condition yesterday was somewhat worse, his temperature running up to 102% in a few hours. Dr. Parker, the physician in attendance at the Meadow Brook Club house, had previously discovered that what at first appeared to be only a bruise was in reality the surface indication of a small piece of bone from Mr. Day's fractured hip.

Dr. McBurney, therefore, was summoned from New York to perform another operation on Mr. Day if he thought it advisable. The operation was performed last night, and it much improved the condition of the patient.

Arrangements will be made in a few days to remove Mr. Day to his home in New York city. His sister Susan is in constant attendance upon him.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The general meeting of

rallroads adjourned to-day until after Christ-

The sub-committee of certain transcontinental

ilines, which was to have made a report, asked for further time, which was granted. The meeting will be resumed on next Thursday. The Immigrant Committee also continued its session to-day, but made little progress, Mr. Mc-Nichola of the Candian Pacific, which is one of the chief parties concerned, being absent. It is said the Southern Pacific and the banta Fé have about completed a provisional settlement of their difficulties, and have agreed on a California rate. Only the Union Pacific needs to be placated now.

Six of Salem's Dog-bitton Patients Inocq-

Dr. Gibier of the Pasteur Institute inoculated

yesterday six of the sixteen persons who were bitten by a mad dog in Salem, N. J. The patients

will be kept at the institute for fifteen days, in which time the result of the inoculation will be

which time the result of the inoculation will be determined. Of the ten wounded persons who reached the institute three were found to be uninjured, having been protected by their clothing. They were E. S. Carter, Lewis Neal, and Wm. Glies. Charles Smith was so nervous that he refused treatment, and in spite of the entreaties of his companions went away.

Died of Laughter.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 22.-Franz Siegler, a

hardware merchant of Birdseys, became con-

villed with laughter last night over a joke by a friend and could not be quieted. He burst a blood vassel, and death was almost instanta-tionis. Singler was of a jovial disposition, and was noted for miles around for his laughter.

Expects to Marry.

nas, having failed to perfect an agreement.

Walter Damrosch has received from Vienna the scene models to be used during his season of German opera, which will commence in February at the Metropolitan Opera House. The success of the season is now assured, the subscriptions, which close on Dec. 29. having been unusually liberal. The public this winter has manifested an interest in opera which has never been equalled in this city, and there is little likelihood that it will be exhausted before the German season commences. It is a curious fact that a Wagner opera should prove one of the great paying performances of the season, but "Lohengrin" has evidently taken this winter the place in popular interest occupied last year by "Carmen." The most brilliant performance of the opera this season took place yesterday afternoon. Mme. Melba was the Eist, and her presence in the coast, together with the popularity of Jean de Reszke, served to fill the house at a time when the theatres are only slimly attended. She were in the second act a crown and coatume similar to those imported by Mme. Nordica from Bayreuth, and sang the music of Eist as it has never been sung on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House by any one but her. Mr. Damrosch is to make a feature of "Lohengrin" in his season, and the opern will be the next to follow "Tristan and laolde," with which the series of Wagner operas will begin.

The concert to-night will be under the leadership of Mr. Seidl, who returns to the place from which his eleemosynary efforts last Sunday night caused him to be temporarily absent. The singers will be Mmes. Eames and Mira Heller, and Jane de Vigne, and MM. Russitano, Mauguière, and Ancona. Mme. Fames will sing
Schubert's "Die Allmacht" and a Handel aria,
and Mile. Heller, who says that alse dreads
concert singing, will render the music of
Sanduzat in selections from "Cavalleria
Rusticana." Signor Russitano will sing
the music of Turidda Signor Ancona the
numbers for Aifo and the evening star song
from "Fannhäuser" in another part of the programme, while Mile. de Vigue will sing Leio's
song in the "Cavalleria" selection. The orchestra will play numbers by Mosekowski, Rubinstein, and Wagner, and M. Mauguière will sing
one of his weekly chankous this time by forddard. Yanya has been causaged for five of these
concerts, and it is likely that they will be continued at the Opera House after the company
has gone on tour.

"Fallstaff" is promised now for the middle of and Jane de Vigne, and MM. Russitano, Mau-

"Falstaff" is promised now for the middle of January. "La Gioconda" may not be done, but it is probable that "Werther" will have another hearing. "Marta," with Nordica Scal-chi, and Hussitano in the place of the returned Noavell, will be a revival. "Manon" will in-troduce hisyl Sanderson during the second week in January.

## SOCIETY LISTENS TO HIM.

Edmund Russell, the Great Delsartean Artist, Recommends Paine's Celery Compound—What He Says of Wearing Jewels.



EDMUND RUSSELL AND HIS JEWELS.

Arnoid's poem, "The Light of Asia," and Rossetti's "Blessed Damosel."

"The princes of India," says Mr. Russell, "Cover themselves with gems in the most wonderful combinations. The Maharajah Holkar appeared at the jubilee of Queen Victoria in a roise of emeralds and sapphires.

"The jewels which I wear as Prince Siddartha in the 'Light of Asia' take over an hour for their careful arrangement after I am fully dressed."

Mr. Russell discourses earnestly upon the wearing of jewels. Christmas turns our thoughts to jewels and The sharp reproof that New York society taking from the lips of Edmund Russell, the eminent Delsartean critic-the pupil of Holman Hunt and Dante Gabriel Rossetti, the friend of Alma-Tadema, Whistler, and Mme. Blavatsky -comes at a very opportune moment.

Mr. Russell is, without question, the foremost connoisseur in jewels now living. His discourses, therefore, even if not always flattering to our national pride, are rich in instruction and suggestion. He accuses us of vulgarity in the wearing of jewels. He says we value them less from a beauty than from

Society listens with great interest to this high abostle from artistic London. He does not apologize for the emphasis which he lays upon physical culture. Health and vigor must always be at the foundation of grace and beauty. Fearing himself, at one time, that he would have to give up his recitals on account of the great nervous strain of his work, he "searched for something that would suctain without wasting nerve force.

"This I have found," he frankly says, "in Paine's celery compound, which I recommend to all actors, singers, and public speakers."
He discovered, as thousands have done, the

He discovered, as thousands have done, the unequalled value of this greatest of remedies. In all cases of mental and bodily fatigue, due to excessive or protracted exertion, nothing can do the work of Paine's celery compound. It is as superior to the ordinary tonics and asrasparillas as the diamond is superior to ordinary glass.



a money standpoint. Their arrangement is too often planned to assert and startle rather than to beautify and earlich. Mr. Russell's own collection of jewels is only rivalled by that of Sarah Bernhardt.

There are jewelled girdles hundreds of years old, necklaces of Indian fligree, ascred amulets of beaten gold, girdles of rare beauty, containing fine cut carnelians set in bases of brass, turquoise rings cut in shallow intaglio, with sacred bits from the Koran delicately inlaid in gold by Oriental workers, and pendants of Mexican work. To all this great mass of jewels, which form an armor of metal work and precious stones from forehead to waistline when arranged on one person. Mr. Russell adds a richness of effect by single gems, each of which has its atory.

its story.

Many of these jewels are worn by Mr. Russell in his dramatic readings from Sir Edwin

jewels do not always agree. The finest sapphires become mere black spots at night. Rubles should be worn en masse to be effective.

"The diamond decreases in beauty as it increases in size—it is most effective worn in designs of small stones. It only really becomes brilliant women. A poor conversationalist should beware of flashing gems. The diamond earrings of the ordinary woman only advertise how successful her husband has been in business. they rank with the diamond pig of the actress. The most becoming stone on the flesh is the black diamond. For a daytime ring a man should wear the brown diamond.

"Ugly women may wear black diamonds, but had better choose interesting jewels of strange design or historic association. If an ugly woman wants an expensive jewel of distinction let her wear chrysoberyl cats'-eyes or alexandrites."

class will meet again on Dec. 29.

Favored by clear, cool weather a few members of the Michaux Bleycle Club joined in an excursion yesterday afternoon. Only nineteen members ventured beyond the hall. C. Wyndham Quin and St. John Robinson made the start at 1 clock. Mrs. James Townsend, Mrs. Isaac Lawrence, Miss Lauterbach. Miss Horton, Miss Grace Horton, Miss Leigh, Miss Horton, Miss Chapin, I. Townsend Burden, Edward Winslow, J. Clinch Smith, Mr. Sill, T. McCobb, Lewis Quentin Jones, C. S. Boyd, Lieut, Glanni Bettini, and James A. Rossevelt followed. The party went through the Park and Seventy-second street and up the Riverside Drive to the Claremont restaurant. A few went on up the Boulevard, while the majority returned after a short period of recuperation. The venture was the first I. Townsend Burden made outside the academy. Mr. Burden proved a very apt pupil. In a week he has developed from a laboring novice into an easy and graceful rider. He did not wear a uniform, but fastened his trousers about his shoe tops and put on a double-breasted blue coat. Mr. Quin and Mr. Robinson were in faultless attire, from soft caps to Scotch stockings. Mr. Smith shows as much confidence on his bleycle as he does on the box seat of his taily-ho coach. Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Horton, and Mrs. Townsend were the most experienced riders among the ladies. Not only the every-day sort of people, from whom thousands of testimonials come every year, but men and women in elegant society, such people as Mr. Russell ordinarily addresses, professional men of reputation, every one who has tried it is ready to recommend Paine's celery compound. Three of the most conspicuous men in the realm of society at present are Count Alexander Hadik de Futak, Count von Hismarck, and the Duke de Loubat. Count Hadik is the son of Admiral Count Hela Hadik of Austro-Hungary, Hisgreat-grand father was a Field Marshall in the Austrian army. His mother was Countess Barkoczy, the last of an eld Hungarian family. The Count is a member of the Hungarian Family. The Count is a member of the Hungarian Parliament. His personal appearance fully Justifies the rumor which came to this country with him of his great muscular development. The Count is of medium size, but his cheet and shoulders are unusually broad and full. The size and hardness of the Count's right fist, and the ease with which he can put his clinched hand through the panel of a door, would excite envy in a Corbett. While the Count was a visitor at the New York Athletic Club recently he surprised the best athletes in the club by lifting two lön-pound dumb bells to his shoulders, and afterward by hoiding a man of medium weight aloft over his head. Yesterday afternoon the Count put two packs of playing cards together and tore them assunder with two twists of his hands.

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Heartfelt testimonials from New York's State Treasurer, Hon. Addison B. Colvin; ex-Minister to Austria, John M. Francis; Miss Jenness Miller, Pres, Cook of the National Teachers' Association; Hon. Daniel P. Toomey, the publisher of Donohoe's Magazine; Hon. John G. Carlisle's private secretary; the popular and talented actrees, Marie Tempest; the poet author, Albert H. Hardy; Principal Camp of New Haven, Mayor McShane of Montreal, and scores more as well known have recently appeared.

The universal verdict is that Paine's celery compound makes people well:

#### NOTES OF MUSIC EVENTS.

The annual Christmas performances of the "Mes siah" by the Oratorio Society, under Mr. Walter Dam rosch's leadership, are to be given in Music Hall next Priday afternoon and Saturday evening. Mms. Nor-dica. Miss Carlotta Desvignes, David G. Henderson, and Mr. Watkin Mills are to be the soloists.

Ysaye is to give his first recital at Carnegie Hall on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 8. He will have the assistance of M. Aimé Lachaume, planist, and Miss Theo-dore Pfaffiin, soprano. At the Academy of Music to-night the third of the

series of popular Sunday concerts under William A. Brady's management is to be given. George Thatcher, Catharine Lewis, A. O. Duncan, Gilbert and Goldle, Jesste Millar, and Lottle Gilson are among the artists to be heard in an interesting programme.

Mr. Walter Damrosch's new opers." The Scarlet Let-ter." is to be sung at the next concerts of the Sym-composition of Ann. 4 and 5 Mms. Nordica, Sig-lampanari, Wu. H. Rieger, Ericason F. Sushnell, and Coursel Behrens are to sing the principal parts, and the chorus of the Oratorio Society of 400 voices is to assist.

interest in German opera is still very much of a live thing in this city, as evidenced in the large subscription sales of seats for the season of Wagner opera which Mr. Damroscoth is to give at the Metropolitan Opera House, beginning Feb. 35 next. The sale of seats for the season closes on Dec. 39, when seat for the four matiness or for the same evening of each week, will be placed on sale.

The American Symphony Orchestra, of which Mr. Sam Franko is conductor, is to give a series of three concerts in Chickering fall on Jan. 17, Feb. 35, and March 28, respectively, beginning at 3 ovices. The objects of the orchestra numbers slittly five inside our american musicians, clever and experienced. The object of its formation was included as an effort to disprove the nation that America was depondent on foreign contains that America was depondent on foreign contains for the season or for single concerts is now open.

Meavy Snow in Nouthern California.

SAN PHANCISCO, Dec. 29. - A severe snow storm has prevailed in the extreme northern part of this State for the last few days, and in some places the snow is eight feet on the level. At Sizerton considerable damage has resulted from the collapse of buildings, a duzen going down from the weight of anow since yesterday. One man was caught in the fall of a warehouse to-day and had to be dug out.

#### Mina McKennte Indicted,

When Miss Mary McKenzie appeared at the District Attorney's office in Long Island City vesterday and was informed that the Grand Jury had found an indictment against her, she broke down and dropping into a chair gave way to grief. She asserted that she was being persecuted by members of the Hempstead Harbor

### Between midnight and 4 o'clock yesterday morning incendiaries kindled three fires within

a radius of 100 yards of the New Jersey Central Railroad's station at West Eighth street, Bay-onne. The first fire was set in the rear of the stables attached to Swift's Bergen Point Beef Company warehouse at Avenue C and North cuted by members of the Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club, at whose instance the indictment was found. It accuses her of assanit in shooting off a pistol at Commodore Daniel K. Hall of the yacht club. The alleged assault occurred while Commodore Hall was passing this McKenzie farmhouse on his way to the club's headquarters.

Between her sobs Miss McKenzie said that the was unaccompanied by a bondsman, but District Attorney Noble allowed her to return to her home in files Cove to get one in the sum of \$1,000. The accused woman is about 40 years old. She lives with her mother, and their required quarrels with the yachtsmen finally resulted in the indictment referred to.

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Count you Blaumarck is a relative of Prince Bismarck. He is doubtless one of the tailest men in this city at present. M. Plançon is admired for his physique, but Count you Bismarck is a head tailor than M. Plançon. The necessity of leaning over when talking has made the Count rather round shouldered.

Count put two packs of playing cards together and tore them asunder with two twists of his hands.

"This is my first visit to America," said Count Hadik. "Before a European comes to this country he expects to find entirely new things, new sights, and new people, and as far as the things and sights are concerned his anticipations are fulfilled, but the people all appear very European. One meets the same beople, and nearly every one can talk either French or German freely. New York is a very ugly city. Everything looks new and poorly bould. The main streets are narrow and dirty. Society is delightful. The people are exceedingly hospitable. A European is aliment siraid to come to this country, for one reason in particular. As soon as he lands he finds he is about to marry some beautiful Ney York girl. I see that I am to marry Miss Helen Gould, the daughter of one of your great men. That is funny, for I have never said more than five words to Miss Gould."

Count Hadik is a bachelor of about 30 years, with a large and independent fortune. His sister is engaged to a brother of Count Bela Zichy, who was at Newport last summer, and a brother married a Countess Zichy, a coust of Count Bela Zichy. Count Hadik will make a tour of the United States, and will return to Hungary in February.

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